(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to bring better legislation to address the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The number of Cyber crime cases reported from States and Union Territories under the IT Act during the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 are 70, 60 & 68 respectively, thereby showing a mixed trend. Similar information for trans States and trans Nations is not maintained.

(b) Cyber crimes are adequately covered under the Information Technology Act, 2000. The Government had set up an Expert Committee to review the Information Technology Act, 2000, and the Expert Committee has suggested number of amendments in the IT Act.

Navratna status of BSNL

3508. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL has been given status of a Mini-Ratna;

(b) whether BSNL could not be given status of 'Navratna' like MTNL as it did not meet the eligibility criteria; and

(c) if so, the specific eligibility parameters to be fulfilled for giving 'Navratna' status to BSNL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. BSNL has been accorded Mini-Ratna category-I Public Sector Enterprises (PSE) status on 21-02-2006.

(b) and (c) BSNL has not given Navratna status, as it does not fulfill one of the D.P.E. criteria issued *vide* their letter No. DPE/3(2)/2001-I-in. Dated 15-03-2002, that is, it should have obtained at least "Excellent" Or "Very good" MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) rating in three of the last five years. BSNL came into being on 1st October, 2000 but signed its first MoU for the year 2004-05, as it got exemption to sign MoU for the first three years.